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Hello there,

Since you are calling for public opinion on the matter of removing pike, my take on this is very simple: just leave natural fisheries to find their own balance! Why do we have to interfere?

I fish for both trout and pike and have been to Ireland several times in my life. However, it has been a while now and I simply will not bring my money anywhere that pike are not valued. Indeed, why should I spend my money to go anywhere that folks are killing the fish I want to catch?

This is real dark ages stuff and anglers all over Europe are shaking their heads. The science is shaky at best too- I have never seen a large water anywhere where pike have successfully been eradicated and you will only create more numbers of small pike by culling.

Please get a grip and listen to the visiting angler. Or simply don't bother- but I will take my money elsewhere as long as this persists. Coming to think of it, I was tempted to come to Ireland in early 2017 but have now booked a trip to Sweden instead, where I know the pike I want to catch are not being needlessly killed!

For the record, I also have a large social reach with my books, articles and blogs. I'm a huge fan of Ireland but cannot recommend any destination where pike are killed because of outdated, poorly-informed attitudes. If you want to seriously damage angling tourism in Ireland, just proceed exactly as you are. Just don't expect us to visit any more.

Thank you for listening,
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